

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/676,888

Examiner

Sisay Yacob

Applicant(s)

COOPER, BARNES

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to May 03, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1 This communication is in response to applicant's amendment to first non-final office action, which was filed May 03, 2006.

2 Amendments and arguments to pending claims 1-27 have been entered and made of record in the application of Cooper for a "Method and apparatus for trusted keyboard scanning", filed on March 24, 2003.

Claims 3-5, 10-12, 15, 17-19 and 24-26 are amended.

Claims 1,2, 6-9, 13, 14, 16, 20-23 and 27 are the same as originally filed.

Claims 1-27 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3 An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jeffrey T. Holman on July 19, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

4 In claim 1 line 4 insert “ and transmitting the key code through a legacy interface when in a non-trusted mode” between “interface” and “.”.

5 In claim 8 line 6 insert “ and transmitting the key code through a legacy interface when in a non-trusted mode” between “interface” and “.”.

6 In claim 15 line 7 insert “ and transmitting the key code through a legacy interface when in a non-trusted mode” between “interface” and “.”.

7 In claim 22 line 7 insert “ and transmitting the key code through a legacy interface when in a non-trusted mode” between the word “interface” and “.”.

Response to Arguments

10 Applicant's argument with respected to the rejected claims 1-27, filed on May 03, 2006 has been fully considered and put the application in a condition for allowance.

8 The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

9 The prior art of record discloses or suggests a method comprising a keyboard scan engine integrated on a chipset initiating a key scan process, the keyboard scan engine detecting a key depression, when in a trusted mode, transmitting a key code, corresponding to the key depression, through a trusted bus interface.

12 However, the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest the trusted bus being a trusted internal bus a controller being a trusted internal bus interface.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sisay Yacob whose telephone number is (571) 272-8562. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffery A. Hofsass can be reached on (571) 272-2981. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

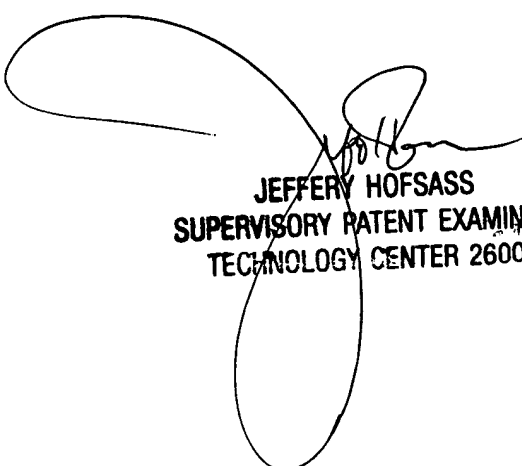
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